

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to FIGs. 1-10. These sheets, which include FIGs. 1-10, replace the original sheets including FIGs. 1-10. The new corrected drawings are in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d).

Attachment: Replacement Sheet
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

REMARKS

Summary

Claims 1-2, 4-17, 19-25, 37-27 and 39-48 stand in this application. Claims 49-52, which were previously withdrawn, have been cancelled. Claims 1, 2, 11, 13 and 34 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the standing claims are respectfully requested.

Allowed Claims

We would like to thank the Examiner for indicating the allowability of claims 25, 27-33, 35-37 and 39-48.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-2, 4-17, 19-24 and 34 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 112 set forth in the Office Action.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-2, 4-17, 19-24 and 34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1 and 2 have been amended to correct the antecedent basis. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests removal of the objection.

Claim 11 have been amended to state “said second edge of said linear clamp.”

Claims 13 and 34 have been amended to state “with a first distance between the first jaw and the second jaw at a first end of said jaw open area being less than a second distance between the first jaw and the second jaw at a second end of said jaw open area.” Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests removal of the rejections.

Conclusion

It is believed that claims 1-2, 4-17, 19-25, 27-27 and 39-48 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a timely Notice of Allowance to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Applicant does not otherwise concede, however, the correctness of the Office Action's rejection with respect to any of the limitations of the independent claims and dependent claims discussed above. Accordingly, Applicant hereby reserves the right to make additional arguments as may be necessary to further distinguish the claims from the cited references, taken alone or in combination, based on additional features contained in the independent or dependent claims that were not discussed above. A detailed discussion of these differences is believed to be unnecessary at this time in view of the basic differences in the independent claims pointed out above.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to discuss any matter concerning this application.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 to the credit card in the previously filed credit card authorization form.

Respectfully submitted,
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